NATURAL NEWS

The Field Museum
Exploring
The Earth And Its
People

Weekly Staff Newsletter
April 9, 1999

Thanks for help with *It's Wild in Chicago*

Thanks to all Field Museum staff members who assisted in making the *It's Wild in Chicago Festival '99* a success. This four-day festival highlighted over 40 Chicago Wilderness partner organizations committed to protecting the natural communities of the Chicago region. In addition, interactive performances, scientist demonstrations – including lectures with Bill Nye and **Greg Mueller** – hands-on activities, and interpretive station programs were offered. A special thanks to the following staff: **Bob Cazy, Ron Hall,** and **Mentee Teah** in Audio-Visual, **Patrick Leacock, Greg Mueller,** and **John Paul Schmidt** in Botany, **Phil Parrillo** and **Dan Summers** in Insects, **Margaret Thayer** in Zoology, **Christina Bentz, Kris Jadd, Adam Kashuba, Chris Molzahn, Debra Moskovits** and **Doug Stotz** in ECP, **Beth Adams, Katy Anisowicz, Joe Byrnes, Beth Crownover, Liz Cruger, Kathleen Donofrio, Kathryn Eggers, Maria Fontana, Johanna Krynytzky, Lauren Niimi, Gina Polito, Paula Ramos, Randy Strickland, Baxter Swilley, Kristie Webber, Connie Sulkin, Encarnacion Teruel, Mark Kennedy, Michael Giese,** and **Mary Ellen Munley** in Education, **Paul Baker** and **Madelyn Thompson** in Development, **Ed Czerwin** and **Andy Medina** in the print shop, **Peter Crane** in Academic Affairs, **Jean Cattell** and **John Petreikis** in Exhibits, **Jim Koeppl** in Computer Services, and the entire staff from Engineering, Housekeeping, Maintenance, Security and Visitor Services. Additional thanks are extended to the Green Light Performing Company for developing and performing the popular interactive play *Underground Café.* Finally, thanks to the many volunteers who tirelessly staff these festivals.

The cooperation and commitment of everyone was greatly appreciated!

Submitted by **Nicole Royal** and **Sue Stott**

FIELD NOTES

Week of April 12

Public Events/Special Events

Dinosaurs and More
- Monday 10 a.m., SFH/JST

National Science Olympiad Info
- Monday & Wednesday Noon
  Zoology Clrm

Latino Cinema
- Thursday 6 p.m., SFH/JST

Reading is Fundamental
- Friday All Day, MWH

Society For The Arts
- Sunday 5 p.m., JST

Staff/Volunteer Events

Volunteer Dinner
- Tuesday 6 p.m., SFH

Tuesday Noon Seminar Series
- Zoology Clrm

Aerobics Class
- Tuesday & Thursday 5 p.m.
  Ground Floor, East Stairwell

Just a reminder.....

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Children join in a planned day of activities and talks that help them explore various career areas here at the Museum. Formal activities begin at 9 a.m. and go until 4:30 p.m. However, special activities are planned starting at 7 a.m. for children of staff members whose workday begins before 8:30 a.m. and may need to leave before 4:30 p.m.

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We are hoping to have as many staff members and their children as possible participate in this event. Staff only need to be present with children at lunchtime (11:45-12:30). Children must be registered in advance no later than April 16. Remember that you must get permission from your supervisor to participate.

Submitted by the Human Resources Department

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Submitted by **Patti Stratton** and **Tracey Pilch**

Museum Affairs welcomes new staff member

Dorothée Jean-Charles joined the Museum on March 29 as Administrative Assistant in the Marketing & Communications Department. Dorothée (pronounced Dor-o-tay) recently moved to Chicago from New York, where she worked for a firm that marketed video lectures to medical schools. Prior to that, she worked for a talent casting company in Chicago. Here at the Museum, Dorothée will track budgets, assist with market research, and provide departmental administrative support. You can contact her to schedule meetings for Melissa Hilton or **Nancy Petchenik**. Dorothée can be reached at ext. 509. To meet her in person, stop by the Museum Affairs office and say hello.

Submitted by **Melissa Hilton**

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TAE BO OR NOT TAE BO

During the month of March and as part of the grand opening of the new shower facilities, we held Tae Bo (kick-boxing) classes for Museum staff and volunteers. The classes were held on Wednesdays at noon. Going forward, we would like to know if this is a program you would like to see us continue. Please complete the following survey and return to **Human Resources by April 16, 1999.**

_____ Yes, I would like to continue the Tae Bo classes.

_____ No, I would not participate in the classes.

If you are interested in seeing the program continue, please answer the following.

What day of the week and time of the day works best for you?

_____ Monday
_____ Tuesday
_____ Wednesday
_____ Thursday
_____ Friday

_____ 7:30 a.m. (before work)
_____ Noon (lunch time)
_____ 5 p.m. (after work)

Would you be willing to pay for on-site classes?

_____ Yes
_____ No

If yes, how much would you be willing to pay for each one-hour class?_____

We appreciate your feedback! Please return to the Human Resources Department by April 16, 1999.

Submitted by **Carol Kasarda**

McCARROLL QUILTING POSTPONED

All who planned to participate in the quiltmaking on April 14, please be advised that because **Andrew Leman** needs to put Steve's picture on the same piece of fabric as the Washakie map and the recipe for Really Good Pork Rolls, we'll have to choose another date, which will be posted after we receive the package from Andrew.

Submitted by **Elaine Zeiger**

Eddie Bauer discount days!!!

All staff and volunteers are eligible to receive a **20% discount** on all full-price merchandise at Eddie Bauer stores (excluding outlets and warehouse sales) Wednesday, April 14 through Saturday, April 17.

There are three ways to get your 20% discount:

1. Bring your ID badge and tell the cashier you are there for the Corporate Event.
2. Call 1-800-426-8020 to order by catalog. Mention "Code 723" prior to placing your order.
3. Go online at www.eddiebauer.com and type "724" in the "special instructions" box in the Shipping Information section of the online form.

Submitted by **Carol Kasarda**

Tuesday at Noon Seminar Series continues

Dr. Jacinto (Jack) Regalado of the University of Illinois at Chicago and Field Museum's Botany Department will speak to us about "Vanishing Plants of the Philippine Rain Forests." Jack is co-author, together with **Larry Heaney**, of a widely praised book on the threatened biota of the Phillippines. In this talk we'll get a closer look at the threatened flora of this biologically rich region. Please join us at 12 noon in the Zoology classroom on April 13.

Submitted by **Bill Burger**

$$ FINANCE FORUM $$

Purchasing alert!

Be prepared. Beginning Thursday, April 15, 1999, Purchasing will be switching over to the Lawson Software System and **we will no longer be able to give verbal purchase order numbers.** Staff **must** bring all requisitions to Purchasing with an accurate account number string. If you are using a new vendor, all information must be complete and accurate before a purchase order number can be assigned. The *only* exception will be for Corporate Travel, but an accurate account number string is now required. In addition, requisitions arriving by interdepartmental mail will be returned if not filled out accurately.

ATTENTION MOVIE BUFFS

We now have discounted movie tickets for Loews/Cineplex Odeon/Sony theatres that employees or volunteers can purchase for $5. Call or stop by the Human Resources office for more information.

Submitted by **Carol Kasarda**

Chicago Bears and Chicago Fire announce game schedules

The Chicago Bears have announced their 1999 schedule. As we are all aware, Bears games present significant challenges in parking and traffic on the Campus.

Sunday, Sept. 12	Noon	Kansas City
Sunday, Sept. 19	Noon	Seattle
Sunday, Oct. 3	Noon	New Orleans
Sunday, Oct. 17	Noon	Philadelphia
Sunday, Nov. 14	Noon	Minnesota
Sunday, Dec. 5	Noon	Green Bay
Sunday, Dec. 19	Noon	Detroit
Sunday, Jan. 2	Noon	Tampa Bay

The Chicago Fire (major league soccer) also plays its home games in Soldier Field. Though the crowds are usually not as large as those for football games, they still have an impact on the Campus.

Saturday, April 10	7 p.m.	Dallas
Saturday, April 17	7 p.m.	Los Angeles
Saturday, May 1	7 p.m.	DC United
Sunday, May 16	3 p.m.	Colorado
Saturday, May 22	7 p.m.	Kansas City
Saturday, June 19	6 p.m.	San Jose
Friday, July 2	7:30 p.m.	Dallas
Saturday, July 10	7:30 p.m.	MetroStars
Friday, July 23	7 p.m.	San Jose
Saturday, July 31	3 p.m.	Los Angeles
Sunday, August 8	Noon	Colorado
Sunday, August 15	Noon	Miami
Saturday, August 28	Noon	New England
Sunday, September 19	Noon	Tampa Bay
Thursday, September 23	7 p.m.	Columbus
Saturday, October 2	7 p.m.	Kansas City

From the Shedd Aquarium

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